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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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#### Silica-based sols

This application is a continuation of PCT/SE00/00822, filed April 28, 2000, which claims priority of European Patent Application No. 99850074.8, filed May 4, 1999, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/132,359, filed May 4, 1999, Swedish Patent Application No. 9901687-5, filed May 6, 1999, European Patent Application No. 99850160.5, filed October 29, 1999 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/162,445, filed October 29, 1999.

